

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle (1) with an automobile body and a movable roof (2), which has a flexible roof covering (4) at least in its the rear area thereof, wherein the rear of the roof covering (4) is held on a tension bow (11), which can be moved upward from a tensioned position that forms the closed roof (2), wherein at least one flexible tensioning device (13) is assigned to the roof covering (4) and exerts a tensioning force on marginal regions of the roof covering (4) when the roof (2) is closed, wherein the at least one flexible tensioning device(s) (13) are each is assigned to a sealing line (12) of the roof covering (4) in a lower marginal region of the roof and in a marginal region of the roof that is located in front of the tension bow (8) with respect to the direction of vehicle travel (F), and in the tensioning position with the roof (2) closed, wherein the sealing line (12) is comprised of a rubber elastic hollow section, and the at least one flexible tensioning device acts they act on this the sealing line with a force that presses downward.

12. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein exactly one tensioning device (13) is assigned to each longitudinal side of the vehicle.

13. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein ~~it~~ the at least one flexible tensioning device(s) (13) each act on the sealing line (12) with a force that presses against a region (21) of the automobile body (5) that serves as a support.

14. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 13, wherein ~~it~~ the support (21) is curved convexly upward.

15. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein ~~it~~ the at least one flexible tensioning device(s) (13) lies at least partially within sealing lines (12) formed by elastic profiles.

16. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein ~~it a flexible tensioning device (13) or~~ each flexible tensioning device (13) has ~~the a~~ dual function, when the roof (2) is closed, of applying both a force that presses the marginal region (11) in front of the tension bow (8) downward and a force that tightens lateral seals located farther to the front with respect to the direction of vehicle travel (F) against upper edges of side windows.

17. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein ~~it~~ a tensioning device (13) extends between a front roof region, ~~a so-called roof tip (16)~~, and the rear tension bow (8).

18. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein ~~it the tensioning device (13) or~~ each tensioning device (13) includes a tension spring (14).

19. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, wherein ~~it the tensioning device (13) or~~ each tensioning device (13) includes a traction cable.

20. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 11, ~~wherein it includes further comprises~~ a body-mounted cover part (7), on which, in the closed position, the rear end (6) of the roof tightly rests, and which is to be opened to receive the roof (2) in the automobile body (5).